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SUBJECT: ENERGY: STATUS OF TRINIDAD'S WORLD-RANGING OIL MISSIONS

REF: POS 403 (NOTAL)

1. PRIME MINISTER ERIC WILLIAMS ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 14 THAT  
THE GOTT'S HIGH LEVEL "OIL MISSION" TO MIDDLE EAST AND  
AFRICAN COUNTRIES (POS 281; POS 208 BOTH NOTAL) WILL ALSO VISIT  
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GABON, IN VIEW OF ITS POSITION "AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF OPEC."

2. THE MISSION TO COUNTRIES IN THE FAR EAST (POS 147) WILL DEPART TRINIDAD ON FEBRUARY 17, FOLLOING DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF JAPAN'S SUMITOMO, WHO VISITED TRINIDAD FEBRUARY 12-14. WILLIAMS SAID THAT TWO OTHER JAPANESE TRADING COMPANIES PLAN TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO TRINIDAD TO DISCUSS PARTICIPATION IN THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF ENERGY-RELATED INDUSTRIES. THE GOTT MISSION TO THE FAR EAST WILL ALSO STOP IN ROMANIA AND CANADA, THE LATTER OF WHICH WILLIAMS POINTEDLY DESCRIBED AS A NATION TROUBLED BY PROBELMS STEMMINGNFROM FOREIGN CONTROL OF ITS BASIC RESOURCES.

3. THE GOTT MISSION TO LATIN AMERICA (POS 147) WILL DEPART ON FEBRUARY 27, AND HAS ADDED SURINAM TO ITS ITINERARY. BOTH SURINAM AND HAITI ACCORING TO THE PRIME MINISTER, HAVE RECENTLY INDICATED STRONG INTEREST IN THE CARIBBEAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION MOVEMENT SPEARHEADED BY TRINIDAD (AND ESPECIALLY ESPOUSED BY PM WILLIAMS).

4. COMMENT: THE MOTIVES BEHIND THESE FAR FLUNG MISSIONS ARE QUITE VARIED: IN MANY STOPS, THE GOTT DOUBTLESS WILL REAFFIRM ITS SUPPORT FOR "THIRD WORLD" POSITIONS IN THE UN AND OTHER WORLD COUNCILS. IN THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES, TRINIDAD WISHES TO PROMOTE COOPERATION (AND, HOPEFULLY, MEMBESHIP IN OPEC). THE GOTT IS ALSO SEEKING INVESTMENT IN ENERGY-RELATED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS BOTH FROM THE WEALTHY OIL PRODUCERS AND FROM THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS TO BE VISITED BY TRINIDADIAN MISSIONS. ON THE LATIN AMERICA TRIP, TRINIDAD ALSO WILL DISCUSS COOPERATION AND JOINT VENTURES; HOWEVER, THE GOTT PROBABLY WILL DOLITTLE MORE THAN OFFER SYMPATH TO THOSE OF ITS LATIN NEIGHBORS WHICH ARE ENCOUNTERING ENERGY-RELATED BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS.  
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